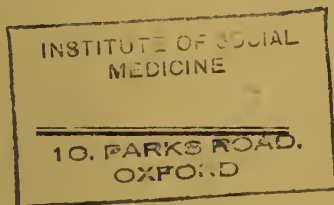


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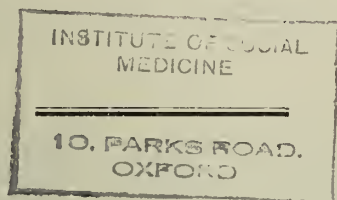
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To the Chairman and Members of the Public Health and Social Welfare Committee of the Herefordshire County Council.

MR. CHAIRMAN, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I have pleasure in submitting the Annual Report for 1945 on the County Health Administration of Herefordshire. At the time of writing I have been offered, and have accepted, the post of County Medical Officer, Warwickshire; so this is my last official report to you.

A glance at the Annual Reports covering the years since my arrival in 1939, reveals the rapid expansion of the services and the much greater amount of work now undertaken by the department on behalf of the community. The intervention of the war years has, unfortunately, left its mark on the statistics of the County as on those of all other Counties in England. To take one example, the occurrence of Tuberculosis has increased (and a further rise has been recorded this year). Moreover the number of persons receiving treatment at the Tuberculosis Clinic in 1945 was more than double that for 1939. These figures are serious, but there is a reasonable expectation that a fall will take place during forthcoming years. It will be recollected that I prepared a report about 2 years ago on the relationship between bad housing conditions and the increased incidence of Tuberculosis. The evidence therein submitted to the Committee demonstrated the limitations of our ability to control the disease until housing conditions throughout the County have been improved. The Joint Housing Committee are already working on this problem.

A happier state of affairs exists in the child welfare service. The credit for this is, in part, due to the excellent work carried out by the District Nurse/Midwife/Health Visitors, and to the cumulative effect on child health of a combined nursing service, through which there is continuity of supervision, advice and assistance with mothercraft and child health problems. In this connection it is worthy of note that the better care of the expectant mother is reflected in the health of the child; and that such schemes as the General Practitioner, Ante-natal and Post-natal Services, the Consultant Obstetric Service, and the Dental Service for expectant and nursing mothers all contribute to this end.

The care of the illegitimate child and the well-being of children boarded out with foster-parents under the Infant Life Protection arrangements have received special attention throughout the year.

No serious outbreak of infectious disease occurred in the County during 1945. Measles and whooping cough were, as usual, the predominant diseases. There was one death from Diphtheria—the child had not been immunised. Immunisation against Diphtheria is being advocated constantly by the Health Visitors and by the Assistant School Medical Officers, but, though the response in some districts is satisfactory, the numbers being immunised is often too low. I understand that District Medical Officers have plans in hand for improving the position.

I am grateful to the Chairman and members of the various Committees for their encouraging interest and support during my tenure of the post of County Medical Officer.

The professional, technical and clerical staff have, without exception, given good service to the department.

S. W. SAVAGE.

1946.

COUNTY STAFF.

County Medical Officer of Health :

SIDNEY W. SAVAGE, M.A., M.D., D.P.H.

Deputy County Medical Officer :

I. F. MACKENZIE, M.D., D.P.H., D.T.M. & H.

Clinical Tuberculosis Officer and Medical Superintendent, Nieuport Sanatorium :

T. V. R. PHILIP, M.B., D.P.H.

Medical Superintendent, County Council Hospital, Hereford :

PAT. BROWN, M.M.S.A., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.

Assistant County Medical Officers of Health and Assistant School Medical Officers :

HUGH F. GREEN, M.B., B.Ch., D.P.H. (demobilised August, 1946)

WILLIAM HOGG, M.B., B.S., D.P.H.

VIOLET L. HICKSON, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H. (resigned 30/11/45)

MARY MCKELVIE, M.B., Ch.B. (appointed 1/12/45).

Supervisor of Midwives and Superintendent of Nurses :

MISS B. SHENTON, M.B.E., S.R.N., S.C.M.

Deputy Supervisor of Midwives and Superintendent of Nurses :

MISS F. M. TOMBS, S.R.N., S.C.M. (appointed 17/9/45)

Assistant Supervisor of Midwives and Superintendent of Nurses :

MISS E. D. STILL, S.R.N., S.C.M. (appointed 1/4/46)

Health Visitors and Midwives :

The staff of 50 nurses carry out midwifery and Health Visitors duties in addition to District Nursing. Two nurses are acting as Health Visitors only.

Teachers of the Blind :

MRS. E. M. ANGIER.

MRS. E. PRITCHARD.

Laboratory Technicians :

S. W. HICKS.

MISS S. J. RANGLES (resigned 14/8/46)

CLERICAL STAFF.

Chief Clerk :

L. A. NICHOLLS, C.R.S.I.

The reorganised staff includes a chief clerk, four grade II clerks, two clerical grade and seven general division clerks together with one general division clerk in Leominster and one in Ross Area Medical Officer's office.

DISTRICT MEDICAL OFFICERS OF HEALTH.

Bromyard U.D.C.	}	DR. HUGH F. GREEN (demobilised August, 1946) DR. I. F. MACKENZIE (acting M.O.H.)
„ R.D.C.		
Kington U.D.C.		
„ R.D.C.		
Leominster Borough		
Leominster and		
Wigmore R.D.C.		
Weobley R.D.C.		

Dore & Bredwardine R.D.C.	}	DR. WILLIAM HOGG.
Ledbury U.D.C.		
Ledbury R.D.C.		
Ross-on-Wye U.D.C.		
Ross & Whitchurch R.D.C.		

Hereford City	DR. E. DUNBAR TOWNROE.
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Hereford R.D.C.	}	DR. R. WOOD POWER (demobilised July, 1946) DR. S. L. CORRY (temporary part-time)

<i>D. N. A.</i>	<i>Name of Nurse.</i>	<i>Qualifications.</i>	<i>Address.</i>	<i>Telephone No.</i>
Almeley & Eardisley Bishops Frome Bodenham	Miss Daisy M. A. Goodday Miss Marion Daniel Miss Shepherd	S.C.M. S.C.M. S.R.N., S.C.M., Queens Nurse, H.V. Cert.	The Nurse's Cottage, Almeley The Firlands, Bishops Frome Crawshay Cottage, Bodenham	Eardisley 257. Munderfield 13. Bodenham 60.
Brimfield Bromyard I.	Vacancy Miss S. Williams	S.R.N., S.C.M., Queens Nurse, Health Visitors Certificate	Bishell House, Linton Lane, Bromyard	Bromyard 127.
Bromyard II. Bromyard III.	Mrs. Powell-Tuck Miss Edna Passey	S.C.M. S.R.N., S.C.M., Queens Nurse	Rowden Mill House, Bromyard 1, Mount Pleasant, New Road, Bromyard	Bromyard 69. Bromyard 122.
Colwall Cradley Croft	Miss Ann E. Price Miss Dorothy A. Boucher Miss Lillian M. Green	S.C.M. S.R.N., S.C.M., Queens Nurse, Health Visitors Certificate	White Cottage, Colwall The Aylings, Cradley, Malvern The Vicarage, Lucton	Colwall 285. Ridgeway Cross 36. Yarpole 232.
Dilwyn Docklow Fownhope	Miss May Norman Miss Margaret M. Baldwin Miss Alma M. Park	S.C.M. S.C.M. S.R.N., S.C.M., Queens Nurse	Nurse's Cottage, Dilwyn Rosemead, Pudleston, Leominster 2, Belle Vue, Bartestree	Weobley 43. Steens Bridge 233. Bartestree 34.
Holmer, Canon Pyon & Wellington	(1) Mrs. Daisy M. Howard (2) Miss Eunice M. Monkley	S.R.N., S.C.M., Queens Nurse.	Fairview, Canon Pyon Laystone Villa, Marden	Canon Pyon 249. Sutton St. Nicholas 27.
Kings Caple	Miss Bessie Sonley	S.R.N., S.C.M., Queens Nurse	Edwins Mere Cottage, Penault, Kings Caple	Carey 41.
Kingsland & Wigmore	(1) Miss Doris R. Lavery	S.R.N., S.C.M., Queens Nurse, Health Visitors Certificate	Street Court, Kingsland	Eardisland 2.
"	(2) Mrs. Dorothy Stevens	S.R.N., S.C.M., Queens Nurse, Health Visitors Certificate	Nurse's Cottage, Ludlow Road, Brampton Bryan, Bucknell, Salop	Brampton Bryan 236.

<i>D. N. A.</i>	<i>Name of Nurse.</i>	<i>Qualifications.</i>	<i>Address.</i>	<i>Telephone No.</i>
Kington	(1) Miss Rose Bertha Heigho	S.R.N., S.C.M., Queens Nurse, Health Visitors Certificate	3, Hatton Gardens, Kingston	Kington 79.
"	(2) Miss Winifred K. Payne	S.R.N., S.C.M., Queens Nurse, Health Visitors Certificate	3, Hatton Gardens, Kingston	Kington 79.
Ledbury	(1) Miss Winifred Bradley	S.R.N., S.C.M., Queens Nurse, Health Visitors Certificate	Casterbridge, Knapp Lane, Ledbury	Ledbury 184.
"	(2) Miss Elfrida C. Williams	S.R.N., S.C.M., Queens Nurse, Health Visitors Certificate	Casterbridge, Knapp Lane, Ledbury	Ledbury 184.
Leintwardine	Vacancy			
Leominster	(1) Miss Phyllis E. Hicks	S.R.N., S.C.M., Queens Nurse	18, Church Street, Leominster	Leominster 172.
"	(2) Miss Elsie Bradley	S.R.N., S.C.M., Health Visitors Certificate	Health 12, Caswell Road, Leominster	Leominster 194.
Llangrove	Miss Winifred M. Manford	S.C.M.	Sunnyside, Llangrove, Ross- on-Wye	Llangarron 64.
Longtown and Michaelchurch Lugwardine	Mrs. Margaret M. Buck Miss Jane Park Miss Mary Cockshoot	S.R.N., S.C.M. S.R.N., S.C.M., Queens Nurse, Health Visitors Certificate	Rose Cottage, Longtown 2, Belle Vue, Bartestree Frogmore Cottage, Madley	(Messages) Longtown 1. Bartestree 34. Madley 268.
Madley, Pontrilas II. Ocle Pychard	Miss M. Aubrey (1) Mrs. Edith J. Jones (2) Miss Gladys E. Miles	S.C.M. S.C.M. S.R.N., S.C.M., Queens Nurse, Health Visitors Certificate	"Hazelaine," Allensmoor The Moorfields, Ocle Pychard, Hollington House, Felton, Preston Wynne	— Burley Gate 237. Burley Gate 233.
Pembridge	Miss M. E. Bartlett	S.R.N., S.C.M., Queens Nurse	East Street, Pembridge	Pembridge 42.
Perrystone	Miss Marion Davies	S.R.N., S.C.M., Queens Nurse, Health Visitors Certificate	Crews Court, Upton Bishop	Upton Bishop 232.

<i>D. N. A.</i>	<i>Name of Nurse.</i>	<i>Qualifications.</i>	<i>Address.</i>	<i>Telephone No.</i>
Peterchurch and Vowchurch	Miss Asplin	S.R.N., S.C.M., Queens Nurse, Health Visitors Certificate	Jubilee Bungalow, Peterchurch	Peterchurch 269.
Pontrilas	Miss Mabel Cooke	S.C.M.	Lion Row, Pontrilas	Pontrilas 202.
Putley	Mrs. Gwen M. Jones	S.C.M.	Brick Cottage, Aylton, Ledbury	Trumpet 67.
Ross	(1) Miss M. Price	S.R.N., S.C.M., Queens Nurse, Health Visitors Certificate	20, Smallbrook Rd., Ross-on-Wye	
"	(2) Miss Hilda Place	S.R.N., S.C.M., Queens Nurse, Health Visitors Certificate	25, Middleton Avenue, Ross- on-Wye	—
"	(3) Miss Annie B. Wake	S.C.M.	25, Middleton Avenue, Ross	Ross 317.
"	(4) Miss M. Powell	S.C.M.	Hillcroft, Ryeclford, Ross	Lea 63.
St. Weonards	Miss Annie Harris	S.C.M.	The Stores, Orcop	Wormelow 16.
South Wye	Vacancy	—	—	—
Stoke Edith	Miss Jean Hay	S.C.M.	The Willows, Tarrington	Tarrington 237.
Upper Wyeside	(1) Miss Margaret F. Molony	S.R.N., S.C.M., Queens Nurse	Talymaes, Kings Acre Road, Hereford	Hereford 3427.
"	(2) Mrs. Francis M. Payne	S.R.N., S.C.M., Queens Nurse	Dawe Cottage, Moccas, Hereford	Moccas 49.
Walford	Mrs. Annie E. Hill	S.R.N., S.C.M.	Nurse's Bungalow, Howle Hill, Coughton, Ross	Ross 314.
Weobley	Mrs. Mary Macgregor	S.C.M.	Hereford Road, Weobley	Weobley 25.
Whitney-on-Wye	Miss Doris E. Tate	S.R.N., S.C.M., Queens Nurse, Health Visitors Certificate	The Bage, Dorstone	Clifford 215.
Wormelow	Vacancy	—	—	—

DISTRICT.	1942			1943			1944			1945		
	Live Births	Deaths	Pop.	Live Births	Deaths	Pop.	Live Births	Deaths	Pop.	Live Births	Deaths	Pop.
URBAN												
Bromyard	21	20	1792	34	27	1730	25	33	1667	23	18	1606
HerefordCity(M.B.)	585	396	29980	606	396	28890	631	383	28600	583	388	30510
Kington	32	24	2053	24	27	2029	44	27	1893	35	26	1972
Ledbury	61	49	3790	61	49	3622	57	48	3448	52	43	3321
Leominster (M.B.)	109	87	6160	105	90	5899	120	71	5778	99	81	5862
Ross	85	74	5245	101	60	5030	100	88	4744	74	81	4649
Total Urban Districts	893	650	49020	931	649	47200	977	650	46130	866	637	47920
RURAL.												
Bromyard	133	105	7860	143	81	7591	144	88	7294	140	95	7382
Dore and Bredwardine	151	90	7851	142	119	7656	147	101	7401	132	90	7361
Hereford	252	213	16860	275	181	16240	253	195	16080	239	171	13340
Kington	76	51	5412	82	53	5350	96	69	5054	86	66	4655
Ledbury	171	99	9490	153	108	9068	173	90	8629	142	99	8334
Leominster and Wigmore	177	145	11130	181	147	10650	216	135	10440	167	148	9844
Ross & Whitechurch	193	148	12830	196	152	12180	229	165	11950	207	154	11650
Weobley	110	54	6747	102	83	6665	126	68	6422	91	76	6194
Total Rural Districts	1263	905	78180	1274	924	75400	1384	911	73270	1204	899	68760
TOTAL	2156	1555	127200	2205	1573	122600	2361	1561	119400	2070	1536	116680

ENGLAND AND WALES.

1942			1943			1944			1945		
Live Births	...	654,039	...	683,213	...	744,843	...	685,544	...	685,544	...
Deaths*	...	480,137	...	501,464	...	492,176	...	487,916	...	487,916	...
Population	39,111,000 approx. R.G. estimates.										

* Deaths including non-civilian deaths registered in this Country and those due to enemy action.

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE.

The County Council is responsible for the administration of the Midwives' Act, and the area administered covers the whole County.

The County Council is responsible for administering the Maternity and Child Welfare Sections of the Public Health Act and the administration covers the County with the exception of the City.

In the following pages the term "County" means the whole of the County, and the term "County M. & C.W. Area" means the County less the City.

The following is a summary of statistics relating to Maternity and Child Welfare Services :—

	1943		1944		1945	
	<i>County M.C.W. Area</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>County M.C.W. Area</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>County M.C.W. Area</i>	<i>County</i>
Population ...	93,710	122,600	90,800	119,400	86,170	116,680
Live Births :						
Legitimate (M)	761	1049	805	1088	704	966
(F)	705	981	763	1055	603	844
(T)	1466	2030	1568	2143	1307	1810
Illegitimate (M)	68	93	84	112	102	139
(F)	65	82	78	106	78	121
(T)	133	175	162	218	180	260
Total Live Births	1599	2205	1730	2361	1487	2070
Still Births :						
Legitimate (M)	18	26	19	29	16	21
(F)	24	38	12	18	20	23
(T)	42	64	31	47	36	44
Illegitimate (M)	4	8	1	2	3	5
(F)	4	4	2	2	5	5
(T)	8	12	3	4	8	10
Total Still Births	50	76	34	51	44	54
No. of Infant Deaths ...	85	116	67	93	60	87
No. of Maternal Deaths ...	4	7	1	5	4	8
Due to Sepsis ...	3	3	0	3	1	2
Due to other causes ...	1	4	1	2	3	6

	1942			1943			1944			1945		
	<i>County M.C.W. Area</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>Eng. & Wales</i>	<i>County M.C.W. Area</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>Eng. & Wales</i>	<i>County M.C.W. Area</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>Eng. & Wales</i>	<i>County M.C.W. Area</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>Eng. & Wales</i>
Live Birth Rate ...	16.2	16.9	15.8	17.0	17.98	16.5	19.05	19.77	17.6	17.3	17.7	16.1
Still Birth Rate ...	36.8	38.4	33	30.3	33.3	30	19.27	21.14	28	25.4	28.7	28.0
Illegitimacy Birth Rate ...	85.8	89.6	55	85.5	82.0	63	93.64	92.3	72	121.0	125.6	92.0
Infantile Mortality Rate	43.3	44.1	49	53.1	52.6	49	38.7	39.4	46	40.3	42.0	46
Maternal Mortality Rate	3.67	4.01	2.5	2.43	3.05	2.3	0.56	2.07	1.94	2.61	3.77	1.79
Crude Death Rate	11.9	12.2	11.6	12.5	12.8	12.1	12.97	13.07	11.6	13.32	13.16	11.4

MIDWIVES.

At the end of 1945 the number of Midwives who had notified their intention to practice in the County was 116 and these were distributed as follows :—

1. DOMICILIARY—	(a) District Nurse Midwives	...	50
	(b) Village Nurse Midwives	... ..	24
	(c) Independent	... ..	7
	(d) Midwives living in adjacent Counties and taking occasional cases in Herefordshire	10
	(e) Practised in an Emergency	...	1
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			92
			<hr/>
2. INSTITUTIONS—	(f) Hospitals	11
	(g) P.A.I.s	11
	(h) Nursing Homes	1
	(i) Ante-Natal Hostel	1
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			24
			<hr/>
	Grand Total	116
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SUPERVISION OF MIDWIVES :

Routine Visits	58
Special Visits	10
“ Medical Aid ” requests by Midwives	577

NOTIFICATION FROM MIDWIVES :

Stillbirths	... ..	18
Last Offices	... ..	20
Suspected liability to be a source of infection	... ..	52
Artificial feeding of infants	... ..	58
Deaths of infants	... ..	13
Deaths of Mothers	... ..	1

Temporary suspension of Midwives due to liability of being a source of infection	29
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NOTIFICATION OF BIRTHS IN COUNTY M. & C.W. AREA 1945.

	LIVE BIRTHS			STILL BIRTHS			CONFINEMENTS CALCULATED FROM N.O.B.
	Single	Twin Babies	Total	Single	Twin Babies	Total	
At Home	861	16	877	17	—	17	886
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE INSTITUTIONS :							
Bromyard	3	—	3	—	—	—	3
Kington... ..	12	—	12	—	—	—	12
Ledbury	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Leominster	27	—	27	1	—	1	28
Ross-on-Wye	38	—	38	2	—	2	40
	80	—	80	3	—	3	83
MATERNITY NURSING HOMES							
	7	—	7	—	—	—	7
HOSPITAL							
	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
GRAND TOTAL	948	16	964	20	—	20	976
CITY BIRTHS							1026

HOME HELPS.

During 1945, Home Helps were employed as follows :—

Number employed whole time ...	1	2	1	17	13	1	1	1
Number of days of service ...	10	11	13	14	15	16	21	38

Rate of payment : £2 10s. 0d. per week, full-time.

£1 5s. 0d. per week, half-time.

Reclaim is made from patients in accordance with the approved scale.

GENERAL PRACTITIONERS' ANTE-NATAL AND POST-NATAL SCHEME.

	<i>County M. & C.W. Area.</i>	
	<i>Ante-Natal.</i>	<i>Post-Natal.</i>
Number of patients examined ...	715	415
Number of examinations ...	1158	415

HOSPITALISATION OF MATERNITY CASES.

It is the policy of the County Council that Maternity cases for which they are responsible should as far as possible be attended by domiciliary midwives in their homes, but provision is made for the hospitalisation of cases considered to be complicated or cases whose homes are unsuitable for domiciliary midwifery. The number of cases admitted to the County Council Hospital and Herefordshire General Hospital are shown in the following tables. The number of cases admitted privately to the Herefordshire General Hospital are also shown.

	COUNTY COUNCIL HOSPITAL					HEREFORDSHIRE GENERAL HOSPITAL.			
	<i>Normal</i>		<i>Complicated</i>		<i>Total</i>	<i>Complicated</i>		<i>Normal or Complicated</i>	<i>Total</i>
	<i>County</i>	<i>City</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>City</i>		<i>County</i>	<i>City</i>	<i>Private</i>	
Cases Where Child was born in Hospital* ...	216	175	100	5	496	26	16	168	210
Cases Where Child was not born in Hospital† ...	12	2	2	4	20	—	—	—	—

*Multiple births only counted as one in this table.

†Cases admitted in pregnancy and subsequently having their baby in hospital are only shown in the top column of this table.

Neither column includes cases admitted to the Herefordshire General Hospital for puerperal sepsis.

The term "normal" and "complicated" means the heading under which arrangements were made for admission. A certain number of cases booked as normal subsequently became complicated.

Ambulances when needed are arranged.

PUERPERAL PYREXIA.

	<i>County M. & C.W. Area.</i>	<i>County.</i>
Notifications	14	40
Treated in Hospital	8	34

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE INSTITUTION MATERNITY.

	<i>Cases.</i>	<i>Beds.</i>
Leominster ...	28	2
Ross ...	41	3
Bromyard ...	3	2
Kington ...	12	1
	—	—
Total ...	84	8

MATERNITY HOMES.

	<i>No. of Homes on Register 31.12.45</i>	<i>Maternity Beds as at 31.12.45</i>	<i>Births during 1945</i>
Hereford City ...	2	7	19
Leominster Rural ...	1	1	7

DENTAL SCHEME FOR EXPECTANT AND NURSING MOTHERS.

The following table shows the number of patients who completed treatment before the 31st of December, 1945.

<i>Expectant Mothers</i>		<i>Nursing Mothers</i>	<i>Total</i>
<i>Doctors' Cases</i>	<i>Midwives Cases</i>		
*1943	0	11	29
1944	5	26	74
1945	6	35	78

**Scheme commenced April 1st, 1943.*

CHILD WELFARE.

Babies are visited by the midwives for at least 14 days after they are born. At the end of the 14th day until the end of the first year they are visited at least once a month by the Health Visitor who is usually the same Nurse as the Midwife.

If any abnormality is suspected by the Midwife, a general medical practitioner may be called in to the baby under the Medical Aid Scheme, up to the 28th day after the birth.

OPHTHALMIA NEONATORUM.

	<i>County M.&C.W. Area.</i>	<i>County.</i>
Notifications	4	10
Cases admitted to Victoria Eye Hospital	3	3
No. of cases in which permanent damage to eyes occurred ...	0	0

INFANTILE MORTALITY RATE.

The following table is of interest ; it shows the infantile mortality rate in the County M. & C.W. Area, the whole County and England and Wales during the last eight years. This table is calculated on Registrar General's figures.

Year	COUNTY			COUNTY M.&C.W. AREA			<i>England & Wales Rate per 1000 Live Births</i>
	<i>Live Births</i>	<i>Deaths under 1</i>	<i>Rate per 1000 Live Births</i>	<i>Live Births</i>	<i>Deaths under 1</i>	<i>Rate per 1000 Live Births</i>	
1938 ...	1633	70	43	1221	52	43	53
1939 ...	1676	71	42	1291	54	41	50
1940 ...	1826	107	58	1399	77	55	56
1941 ...	1953	133	69	1427	94	65	59
1942 ...	2156	95	44	1571	68	43	49
1943 ...	2205	116	53	1599	85	53	49
1944 ...	2361	93	39.4	1730	67	38.7	46
1945 ...	2070	87	42	1487	60	40.3	46

CHILD LIFE PROTECTION AND P.A. BOARDED OUT.

The County Health Department is responsible for carrying out certain duties under the Child Life Protection Section of the Public Health Act, 1936, in the County M. & C.W. Area. The Social Welfare Department board out children in the whole County and their homes are visited and supervised by the County Health Department.

The following table shows the number of foster mothers and children in the two schemes :—

	<i>No. of Foster Mothers Ap- proved during 1945</i>	<i>No. of Foster Mothers on register at end of 1945</i>	<i>No. of children placed on register in 1945</i>	<i>No. of children on register at end of 1945</i>	<i>Notifica- tions of deaths of children</i>	<i>First Visits</i>	<i>Subse- quent Visits</i>
Child Life Protection	17	18	40*	22	Nil.	28	88
P.A. Boarded Out	6	12	7	14	Nil.	11	81

*18 of these children were received at the Southome Nursery School which was closed in December, 1945.

THE CARE OF THE ILLEGITIMATE CHILD (CIRCULAR 2866)

CASES REFERRED BY		No. of Cases			Year of Birth					Sent to				
		Single	Married or Widows	Total	1943	1944	1945	1946	1945 (old cases)	Vol. Training Home	M.O.H. Hostel	P.A.I.	Children's Home	S.S.A. Help Societies
County Health Department	County Council Hospital	30	3	33	—	1	*33	1	1	—	—	—	—	3
	County Nursing Supt.	2	4	6	1	—	5	—	1	—	—	—	2	—
	District Nurse H./Visitors	6	6	12	—	—	11	1	1	1	—	—	—	—
	County Cases from City A.N. Clinic	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
Social Welfare Department ...		4	2	6	—	—	1	5	—	—	—	—	—	—
Private Medical Practitioners		7	—	7	—	—	4	3	—	2	—	—	—	—
County Clergy... ..		5	5	10	—	—	*10	1	3	—	—	1	—	—
Probation Officers		7	2	9	—	2	7	—	1	1	—	1	—	1
London Societies		10	1	11	—	—	10	1	—	3	—	—	—	—
A.T.S.		4	—	4	—	—	4	—	2	—	—	—	—	1
W.A.A.F.		12	2	14	—	—	8	6	—	—	2	—	—	—
W.R.N.S.		1	1	2	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
W.L. Army		4	—	4	—	—	4	—	2	1	—	1	—	—
Labour Exchange		3	—	3	—	—	3	—	—	2	—	—	—	—
Welfare Workers in other Areas		17	4	21	—	1	15	5	7	4	—	—	4	1
Others		15	2	17	—	—	14	3	1	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL		127	32	159	1	4	130	27	20	14	2	3	6	6

* Twins.

182 Illegitimate births dealt with in 1945,

COUNTY M.C.W. AREA. 1/1/45 to 31/12/45.

Grants obtained from					Maintenance payments by			Foster mothers		Work found for									
A.T.S. Benevolent Fund	Barnardo's	W. & S. Society	Moral Welfare Association	Social Welfare Department	Affiliation Order	Army Allowance	Private Agreement	Obtained	Refused	Expectant Mothers	Mothers with Baby	Given Clothes	Married putative Father	Married	Found to have V.D.	Baby Died	Adoption arranged through Probation Officer		
1	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	6	2	—	—	3	—		
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	2		
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	1	2	—	—	1	1	—		
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—		
—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
—	1	—	—	1	—	2	—	1	1	1	1	2	—	—	—	1	—		
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	1	—	—	1	—	—		
1	—	—	1	1	—	1	—	—	—	3	—	2	—	—	—	—	—		
—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—		
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—		
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
3	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	4	—	—	—	—	—		
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—		
—	—	1	—	1	1	—	2	—	—	7	1	2	1	—	—	1	1		
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	—	1	1	1	1	—	—	—		
5	1	1	1	5	2	3	5	7	4	16	7	22	5	2	2	6	3		

20 being cases referred in 1944—85 old cases received after-care.

CHILD WELFARE CENTRES.

There are nine centres in the County M. & C.W. Area, the attendances are as follows :—

			<i>Under 1 year.</i>		<i>1—5 years.</i>
Ross	...	...	459	...	192
Pontrilas	...	...	52	...	47
Kington	...	...	229	...	47
Dilwyn	...	...	90	...	86
Ledbury	...	...	344	...	294
Bromyard	...	...	129	...	177
Weobley...	...	...	52	...	20
Colwall	...	...	181	...	31
Leominster	...	...	1003	...	202
			<hr/> 2539	..	<hr/> 1096
Grand Total	...	...	3635		

PRE-SCHOOL ORTHOPAEDIC CASES ADMITTED TO OSWESTRY.

<i>Diagnosis.</i>			<i>Sex.</i>	<i>Age in years.</i>
Poliomyelitis	...	...	... M.	3
Congenital Dislocation Hips	...	...	... F.	1½
Torticollis	...	...	... F.	1
Deformed Thumb	...	...	... F.	2½
Palsy right arm	...	...	... F.	2
Osteomyelitis	...	...	... M.	4 months
Talipes	...	...	... M.	2

COUNTY COUNCIL HOSPITAL.

This Hospital has a total of 476 beds and is available for general civilian and E.M.S. patients. There are special Departments for Tuberculosis, Maternity and V.D., about which further statistics are given in other parts of this report.

During 1945 the Hospital has continued to give good service to the public and the number of patients admitted from the County is continually increasing.

The following statistics are submitted :—

	<i>Total.</i>	<i>Ministry.</i>	<i>Non-Ministry.</i>
Patients admitted	3894	1655	2239
„ discharged	3785	1677	2108
Deaths	216	3	213
Operations performed	911	185	726
Major 406			
Minor 505			
Total number of patient days	77042		

The admission of Maternity cases and births in the hospital are not included in the above table and are shown on page 14.

Number of Patients in Hospital on December 31st, 1945 :—

<i>E.M.S.</i>	<i>Civilian.</i>
Military 43	City Maternity Cases ... 7
Other Classes 8	County Maternity Cases 28
Vacant Beds 29	Public Assistance Cases 18
	Medical and Surgical
	Public Health Cases ... 87
	Vacant Beds 256

The present Medical Staffing is as follows :—

Medical Superintendent.

One Senior Assistant Medical Officer.

Three Assistant Medical Officers.

Visiting Medical and Surgical personnel are available on a sessional basis.

The Clinical Tuberculosis Medical Officer, the Consulting Radiologist, and the V.D. Medical Officer also visit the Hospital.

TRAINING SCHOOL FOR NURSES.

The Hospital is a preliminary and a full general training school for nurses.

TUBERCULOSIS.

The following Tables shew the incidence of the Disease in the County over the last six years :—

PRIMARY NOTIFICATIONS.

	1940				1941				1942				1943				1944				1945			
	M	F	C	T	M	F	C	T	M	F	C	T	M	F	C	T	M	F	C	T	M	F	C	T
Pulmonary	43	39	8	90	53	38	3	94	47	39	8	94	62	58	19	139	58	52	18	128	46	47	26	119
Non-Pulmonary	9	5	32	46	14	15	26	55	5	20	17	42	7	12	25	44	6	13	9	28	7	14	23	44
Totals	136				149				136				183				156				161			

NO. OF DEFINITE CASES ON CLINIC REGISTER.

	1940				1941				1942				1943				1944				1945			
	M	F	C	T	M	F	C	T	M	F	C	T	M	F	C	T	M	F	C	T	M	F	C	T
Pulmonary	109	95	8	212	110	105	5	220	122	118	7	247	147	142	20	309	203	167	34	404	229	195	36	460
Non-Pulmonary	25	52	61	138	36	52	61	149	35	64	62	161	40	69	69	178	40	74	58	172	44	84	65	193
Totals	350				369				408				487				576				653			

DEATHS.

	1940				1941				1942				1943				1944				1945			
	M	F	C	T	M	F	C	T	M	F	C	T	M	F	C	T	M	F	C	T	M	F	C	T
Pulmonary	29	24	4	57	29	19	3	51	17	21	2	40	38	26	2	66	20	27	3	50	44	18	1	63
Non-Pulmonary	5	3	6	14	4	3	7	14	4	1	6	11	2	3	10	15	4	7	5	16	7	2	12	21
Totals	71				65				51				81				66				84			

TUBERCULOSIS MORTALITY

DEATH RATE PER 1,000 POPULATION.

	<i>Respiratory</i>		<i>Non-Respiratory</i>		<i>Total</i>	
	<i>County</i>	<i>Eng. and Wales</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>Eng. and Wales</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>Eng. and Wales</i>
1940...	.453	.571	.111	.108	.56	.679
1941...	.383	.570	.105	.121	.48	.692
1942...	.314	.506	.086	.110	.4	.616
1943...	.538	.515	.122	.104	.66	.619
1944...	.410	.485	.134	.098	.552	.583
1945...	.540	.520	.180	.100	.720	.620

TUBERCULOSIS CLINICS.

<i>Clinic</i>	<i>Days and Hours when open</i>	<i>New Cases</i>	<i>Total Attendances.</i>
Hereford County Council Hospital	Three times a week—Wed. and Sat., 10 a.m.-12.30 p.m.; Mon., 2.30-4.30 (City cases only). First Friday in the month 2 p.m.	508	1895
*Leominster & District Hospital		53	130
*Ledbury (Homend Lodge Cottage)	Second Tuesday in the month 2 p.m.	66	193
	Total	627	2218

* These Clinics are now closed.

TUBERCULOSIS BEDS AT NIEUPORT SANATORIUM AND COUNTY COUNCIL HOSPITAL.

The number of beds is :—

Nieuport Sanatorium—Adults 43, Children 28.

County Council Hospital—Adults 12.

In spite of the continued shortage of nurses and domestics it has not been necessary to reduce the number of beds available, and by concentrating on essentials the standard of work was maintained at a reasonable level. The patients co-operated willingly according to their ability. Nevertheless the shortage imposed a strain on the more responsible members of the staff which, though cheerfully borne, was not permanently desirable.

Of a total of 62 adults admitted to Nieuport Sanatorium 22 were in or from H.M. Forces.

Ten patients died at the Sanatorium and 21 at the County Hospital. The type of case at the County Hospital was on the whole more advanced.

Three patients discharged themselves from Nieuport Sanatorium against advice.

AGES OF PATIENTS ADMITTED.

<i>Ages.</i>	NIEUPORT SANATORIUM.			COUNTY COUNCIL HOSPITAL.		
	<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>	<i>Total.</i>	<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>	<i>Total.</i>
Under 16 ...	4	1	5	2	—	2
16-20 ...	4	5	9	3	4	7
21-30 ...	17	14	31	10	23	33
31-40 ...	7	1	8	6	8	14
41-50 ...	2	3	5	5	6	11
51-60 ...	2	—	2	6	3	9
Over 60 ...	—	—	—	3	1	4
	—	—	—	—	—	—
	36	24	60	35	45	80
	—	—	—	—	—	—

The average length of stay of adults was :—

Male, 211 days ; Female, 250 days.

It will be noted in the foregoing tables that a lesser number of adult patients was admitted to the Sanatorium than in 1944, *viz.* : 60 compared to 86, and a correspondingly lesser number was discharged, *viz.* : 59 compared to 87. This was because a considerable number of patients had to be retained longer than necessary owing to adverse home conditions.

Over 50% of the patients admitted were between the ages of 20 and 30.

While nursing conditions and other restrictions are still adverse factors in after treatment it is hoped that the Disabled Persons Employment Act, 1944, will be very helpful in enabling convalescent patients to find suitable work.

The number of patients in the Sanatorium on December 31st, 1945, was 67, compared with 60 on December 31st, 1944.

SPECIAL TREATMENT OF PULMONARY TUBERCULOSIS.

During 1945, 17 Artificial Pneumothoraces were induced, and the following operations were performed : 7 Adhesiotomies and 10 Phrenicectomies, by E. Wynne Edwards, Esq., F.R.C.S., Visiting Thoracic Surgeon.

CHILDREN AT NIEUPORT SANATORIUM.

Number of beds—28.

TABLE OF ADMISSIONS AND DISCHARGES.

		<i>Obs.</i>	<i>Early Pul. Tub.</i>	<i>Non- Pul. Tub.</i>	<i>Total.</i>
ADMITTED	Boys	16	8	3	27
	Girls	16	7	3	26
	Total	32	15	6	53
DISCHARGED	Boys	<i>Non. Tub.</i> 16	8	—	24
	Girls	16	5	3	24
	Total	32	13	3	48

The number of children notified as Tuberculous at discharge was 16 out of a total of 48.

Out of 32 children tuberculin tested at the Sanatorium, 14 gave a positive result indicating a past or present infection by the Tubercle Bacillus.

The average weight gain was 8 lbs. and the majority of children were improved by their stay and benefited from their schooling under open air conditions.

SHELTERS.

At the end of 1945, 33 shelters were in use.

EXTRA NOURISHMENT.

During 1945, grants for Extra Nourishment were made to 25 patients.

THE ROBERT JONES AND AGNES HUNT ORTHOPAEDIC HOSPITAL, OSWESTRY.

Diagnosis of Tuberculosis Cases treated during the year 1945

		<i>Admitted during 1945</i>			<i>Admitted previous to 1945</i>		
		<i>M.</i>	<i>F.</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>M.</i>	<i>F.</i>	<i>Total</i>
Under 16 :							
Tuberculosis of the Spine	...	—	1	1	—	—	—
Tuberculosis of knee	...	1	1	2	—	—	—
Tuberculosis of hip joint	...	1	1	2	2	1	3
Over 16 :							
Tuberculosis of the Spine	...	2	8	10	5	4	9
Tuberculosis of knee	...	1	1	2	—	—	—
Tuberculosis of Shoulder	...	—	1	1	—	—	—
Tuberculosis of Hip-joint	...	1	5	6	—	2	2
Tuberculosis of ankle	...	—	1	1	—	—	—
Total	...	6	19	25	7	7	14

DUDLEY ROAD HOSPITAL, BIRMINGHAM.

Three Lupus cases were treated as out-patients at Birmingham.

A certain amount of intermediate treatment is given at the County Council Hospital and the Herefordshire General Hospital.

PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY.

The Laboratory continued under the direction of the Medical Research Council, with Dr. R. Ewart Jones in charge. It forms a unit of the Emergency Public Health Laboratory Service set up by the Ministry of Health on the outbreak of war. One advantage of this is that the Director is regularly in touch with other laboratories in the Service for consultation and for the exchange of information as to the existence of epidemics or cases of infectious disease in other parts of the country.

THE ISOLATION HOSPITAL ACCOMMODATION.

The District Councils are the authorities for provision of this accommodation which is as follows :—

	<i>Beds.</i>
City Council.	
Tupsley Fever Hospital	32
Tupsley Small Pox Hospital	4
*Folly House Isolation Hospital (temporary)	30
Hereford Rural District Council (taking cases from the whole County with the exception of the City).	
Stretton Sugwas Fever Hospital	43
Bromyard Small Pox Hospital	6

* Now closed.

INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

	Enteric	Scarlet Fever		Whooping Cough		Diphtheria		Erysipelas		Measles		Pneumonia (acute)		Puerperal Pyrexia		Ophthalmia Neonatorum		Cerebral Spinal Meningitis	
		N.	D.	N.	D.	N.	D.	N.	D.	N.	D.	N.	D.*	N.	D.	N.	D.	N.	D.
URBAN	Notif. Death																		
DISTRICTS																			
Hereford City	—	24	—	154	3	14	1	1	—	527	4	11	24	26	1	6	—	5	1
Bromyard ...	—	3	—	1	—	—	—	4	—	86	—	4	1	2	—	—	—	—	—
Kington ...	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	2	—	27	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
Ledbury ...	—	1	—	5	—	—	—	—	—	39	—	—	3	—	—	1	—	—	—
Leominster ...	—	1	—	11	—	2	—	4	—	15	—	2	2	1	—	—	—	1	—
Ross-on-Wye	—	6	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	172	—	3	2	1	—	1	—	1	—
RURAL																			
DISTRICTS																			
Bromyard ...	—	12	—	10	—	—	—	2	—	187	—	17	4	—	—	—	—	1	—
Dore and	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Bredwardine	—	12	—	7	—	1	—	—	—	51	—	7	2	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hereford ...	2	17	—	28	1	6	—	2	—	199	—	6	9	3	1	—	—	2	—
Kington ...	—	—	—	5	—	1	1	—	—	76	—	2	—	1	—	1	—	—	—
Ledbury ...	—	5	—	15	—	2	—	—	—	187	1	2	3	1	—	—	—	—	—
Leominster	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
and Wigmore	—	8	—	36	—	1	—	4	—	109	—	11	8	—	—	1	—	—	—
Ross and	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Whitchurch	—	24	—	8	—	2	2	1	—	367	1	5	4	—	—	—	—	—	—
Weobley ...	—	12	—	40	—	—	—	—	—	77	—	8	1	4	—	—	—	1	—

* All forms of Pneumonia.

CANCER.

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DISTRICT (and Estimated Population)	No. of Deaths from Cancer (all forms)	SITE OF CANCER			
		Buccal Cavity & oesophagus (Male)	Uterus (Female)	Stomach and Duodenum	Breast
Bromyard Urban. (1606)	5	—	—	1	—
Hereford M.B. (30510)	69	3	4	19	12
Kington Urban. (1972)	2	—	—	1	—
Ledbury Urban. (3321)	9	—	2	1	1
Leominster Urban. (5862)	7	—	—	2	3
Ross-on-Wye Urban. (4649)	15	1	—	3	2
Bromyard Rural. (7382)	16	1	—	3	2
Dore and Bredwardine Rural. (7361)	15	2	—	1	—
Hereford Rural. (13340)	17	2	1	2	—
Kington Rural. (4655)	18	1	1	1	1
Ledbury Rural. (8334)	9	1	1	1	1
Leominster and Wignore Rural. (9844)	21	1	1	4	2
Ross and Whitechurch Rural. (11650)	19	2	1	3	1
Weobley Rural. (6194)	11	2	3	1	—
All Districts. (116680)	233	16	14	43	24
					136

Other
sites

DIPHTHERIA PROPHYLAXIS.

Return for twelve months ending 31st December, 1945.

RECEIVED FROM THE MEDICAL OFFICERS OF HEALTH OF THE COUNTY DISTRICT COUNCILS.

County Area	District	I.	II.		III(a)	III(b)	III(c)	No. of Deaths included in (c) in which the child is known to have completed the course of Immunisation not less than 12 weeks before the onset of the disease.
		No. of children who completed the full course of immunisation in the Authority's Area at any time up to 31st Dec. 1945.	Approx. estimated No. of children in the Authority's Area at 31/12/45.	No. of cases of Diphtheria in children under 15 years of age notified between 1/1/45 and 31/12/45.	No. of cases included in (a) in which the child is known to have completed the course of Immunisation not less than 12 weeks before the onset of the disease.	No. of deaths registered in the Authority's area between 1/1/45 and 31/12/45 of children under 15 years.		
NORTH	Bromyard Urban	Under 5	From 5 to 15	Under 5	From 5 to 15	—	—	—
		100	255	140	260	—	—	—
	Bromyard Rural	237	734	615	1173	—	—	—
		157	295	160	300	—	—	—
NORTH	Kington Urban	179	519	401	750	—	—	—
	Kington Rural					—	—	—

Leominster Borough	166	527	481	952	1	—	—	—
Leominster & Wigmore R.D.	269	1089	867	1719	1	—	—	—
Weobley Rural	188	555	579	1104	—	—	—	—
Ross Urban	145	500	377	681	—	—	—	—
Ross & Whit- church Rural	414	1626	1010	1840	1	—	—	—
Ledbury Urban	145	464	277	512	—	—	—	—
Ledbury Rural	339	1058	695	1280	—	—	—	—
Dore and Bredwardine Rural	230	837	678	1280	1	—	—	—
HEREFORD CITY	2023	2437	2350	3960	4	4	1	—
HEREFORD RURAL	267	1248	1320	2230	4	2	—	—

SOUTH

	1940		
	M.	F.	T.
1. Number of cases on 1st January under treatment or observation.	Syphilis 14 Gonorrhoea 13 Undiagnosed or N.V.D. —	16 5 —	30 18 —
2. Number of cases removed from the register during any previous year which returned during the year under report for treatment or observation of the same infection.	Syphilis 1 Gonorrhoea — Undiagnosed or N.V.D. —	1 — —	2 — —
3. Number of cases dealt with for the first time during the year under report (exclusive of cases under Item 4).	Syphilis 5 Gonorrhoea 12 Undiagnosed or N.V.D. 7	8 17 12	13 29 19
4. Number of cases dealt with for the first time during the year under report known to have received treatment for the same infection, or to have been under observation at other Centres or Service Hospitals or by General Practitioners approved under Ministry of Health Circular 2226.	Syphilis 9 Gonorrhoea 14 Undiagnosed or N.V.D. —	5 3 —	14 17 —
5. Number of cases discharged after completion of treatment and final tests of cure or after diagnosis as non-Venereal.	Syphilis 1 Gonorrhoea 11 N.V.D. 7	— 7 11	1 18 18
6. Number of cases which ceased to attend before completion of treatment.	Syphilis 8 Gonorrhoea 11	14 7	22 18
7. Number of cases which ceased to attend after completion of treatment but before final tests of cure.	Syphilis — Gonorrhoea 3	3 —	3 3
8. Number of cases transferred to other Centres.	Syphilis 2 Gonorrhoea 6 Undiagnosed or N.V.D. —	2 1 —	4 7 —
9. Number of cases remaining under treatment or observation on 31st December.	Syphilis 18 Gonorrhoea 8 Undiagnosed or N.V.D. —	11 10 1	29 18 1
10. Number of attendances :— (a) for individual attention of the Medical Officers.	Syphilis 309 Gonorrhoea 114 Undiagnosed or N.V.D. 11	178 149 23	487 263 34
(b) for intermediate treatment, e.g., irrigation, dressing.	Syphilis — Gonorrhoea 42 Undiagnosed or N.V.D. —	— 28 —	— 70 —
11. In-patients :— (a) Total number of persons admitted for treatment during the year.	Syphilis — Gonorrhoea —	— —	— —
(b) Aggregate number of "in-patient days" of treatment given.	Syphilis — Gonorrhoea —	— —	— —

The figures shown include military cases which near
 The total attendances (shown under Section 10) is 1949 and
 During 1945 twelve patients received treatment from their General Practitioners.
 No cases were admitted from the public.

WEDNESDAY, 1.30 P.M. AND 6.0 P.M. SATURDAY, 1.30 P.M.

1941			1942			1943			1944			1945		
M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.
18	11	29	37	18	55	32	24	56	29	24	53	24	45	69
8	10	18	40	13	53	16	16	32	14	12	26	10	20	30
—	1	1	—	2	2	1	2	3	10	4	14	6	10	16
1	1	2	3	—	3	1	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	1
—	1	1	—	1	1	1	2	3	—	—	—	—	1	1
10	8	18	6	15	21	7	14	21	16	33	49	3	27	30
38	25	63	23	46	69	22	20	42	24	50	74	27	32	59
26	20	46	71	35	106	42	66	108	52	89	141	41	105	146
78	3	81	68	2	70	53	1	54	36	6	42	24	9	33
161	—	161	60	1	61	64	3	67	28	1	29	34	1	35
						56	—	56	71	—	71	49	—	49
1	—	1	1	—	1	—	1	1	1	—	1	—	4	4
32	8	40	25	21	46	45	13	58	32	31	63	26	24	50
26	19	45	70	35	105	82	64	146	121	83	204	49	—	49
4	5	9	11	8	19	8	9	17	3	3	6	5	26	31
5	6	11	21	15	36	9	10	19	—	5	5	5	5	10
9	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
9	3	12	3	2	5	3	—	3	9	—	9	3	7	10
65	—	65	70	3	73	56	5	61	53	15	68	26	13	39
121	6	127	58	7	65	32	6	38	15	7	22	21	4	25
						7	—	7	6	—	6	14	1	15
37	18	55	32	24	56	29	24	53	24	45	69	21	38	59
40	13	53	16	16	32	14	12	26	10	20	30	16	14	30
—	2	2	1	2	3	10	4	14	6	10	16	9	6	15
876	244	1120	791	401	1192	892	518	1410	728	771	1499	378	698	1076
760	193	953	371	322	693	423	75	498	254	101	355	221	168	389
29	30	59	118	65	183	161	132	293	258	153	411	226	258	484
49	37	86	18	100	118	35	194	229	27	366	393	19	165	184
						—	33	33	—	24	24	—	16	16
—	—	—	1	—	1	1	—	1	2	4	6	—	3	3
—	—	—	2	4	6	—	2	2	1	4	5	5	10	15
—	—	—	83	—	83	87	—	87	56	95	151	—	43	43
—	—	—	44	43	87	—	92	92	50	87	137	56	73	129

Always only attended for continuation treatment.
 his figure includes 45 attendances of cases from adjoining Counties.
 Practitioners by arrangement with the V.D. Clinic.
 Cleveland House, Wolverhampton.

CAUSES OF DEATH AT DIFFERENT PERIODS OF LIFE IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE COUNTY OF HEREFORD.

CAUSES OF DEATH.	AGGREGATE OF URBAN DISTRICTS.						AGGREGATE OF RURAL DISTRICTS.						Total Urban (all ages)	Total Rural (all ages)	Total Cnty. (all ages)
	0—	1—	5—	15—	45—	65—	0—	1—	5—	15—	45—	65—			
1. Typhoid & Paratyphoid Fevers ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
2. Cerebro spinal Fever ...	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1
3. Scarlet Fever ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
4. Whooping Cough ...	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	3	1	4
5. Diphtheria... ..	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	1	2
6. Tub. of Resp. sys.	—	—	—	14	17	2	—	—	1	16	9	4	33	30	63
7. Other Forms of T.B. ...	2	2	2	2	1	—	1	3	2	4	1	1	9	12	21
8. Syphilitic diseases ...	—	—	—	—	3	1	—	—	—	—	1	2	4	3	7
9. Influenza	—	—	—	—	3	1	—	—	—	—	2	6	4	8	12
10. Measles	2	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	4	2	6
11. Ac.polio-myl.&polio-enceph	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	1
12. Ac. inf. enceph. ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
13. Cancer of buc. cav. & oesoph. (M) uterus (F)	—	—	—	—	4	6	—	—	—	1	8	11	10	20	30
14. Cancer of stomach.& duodenum ...	—	—	—	2	7	18	—	—	—	1	3	12	27	16	43
15. Cancer of breast ...	—	—	—	1	5	11	—	—	—	1	3	3	17	7	24
16. Cancer of all other sites ...	—	—	2	3	15	33	—	—	—	5	28	50	53	83	136
17. Diabetes	—	—	—	2	1	2	—	—	—	—	3	12	5	15	20

17. Distinct lesions	—	—	—	1	13	68	—	—	—	—	19	74	82	93	175
19. Heart Disease	—	—	—	7	32	109	—	—	—	4	40	239	148	283	431
20. Other dis. of circ. system	—	—	—	—	1	18	—	—	—	—	4	16	19	20	39
21. Bronchitis	—	—	—	1	4	13	—	—	—	—	5	24	18	29	47
22. Pneumonia	4	3	—	—	8	17	6	1	—	1	10	13	32	31	63
23. Other resp. dis.	—	—	—	1	3	4	—	—	—	—	7	6	8	13	21
24. Ulcer of stomach or duodenum	—	—	—	1	4	1	—	—	—	1	5	5	6	11	17
25. Diarrhoea under 2 years ...	2	—	—	—	—	—	6	—	—	—	—	—	2	6	8
26. Appendicitis	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	2	2	4
27. Other digve. dis.	—	1	—	—	4	6	2	—	—	1	9	12	11	24	35
28. Nephritis	1	—	1	—	9	24	1	—	—	2	9	32	35	44	79
29. Puer. & Post-abort sepsis...	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	1	2
30. Other maternal causes ...	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	3	3	6
31. Prem. Births	12	—	—	—	—	—	10	—	—	—	—	—	12	10	22
32. Con. Mal. birth inj. infant dis.	14	—	—	—	—	—	14	—	1	—	—	—	14	15	29
33. Suicide	—	—	—	—	3	2	—	—	—	—	2	—	5	2	7
34. Road Traffic acci.	—	1	—	—	2	3	—	—	—	1	2	—	7	3	10
35. Other violent causes	1	—	—	3	4	7	2	2	2	2	2	14	16	24	40
36. All other causes	3	—	—	3	4	34	—	3	—	7	15	61	45	86	131
37. All causes	43	11	10	45	148	380	42	11	6	54	188	598	637	899	1536

33B NOTIFICATIONS. 1/1/45 to 31/12/45.

The number of notifications received during the year ended 31st December, 1945, was 22 : none of these were double notifications : 16 were contacted and attended for treatment at the clinic in Hereford.

MENTAL DEFICIENCY.**1. Certified Cases.**

The cases certified and treated in institutions on 31st December, 1945, are as follows :—

				<i>M.</i>	<i>F.</i>
Ross Approved Public Assistance Institution	...			21	22
Stoke Park Colony, Bristol	...	...	...	11	14
Rampton State Institution	...	...	...	4	—
Moss Side State Institution	...	...	...	1	1
Hortham Colony, Bristol	...	...	...	1	1
All Souls' Special School, Hillingdon	...	...	...	—	1
Royal Earlswood Institution	...	...	...	1	—
The Home, Everton Terrace, Liverpool	...	...	...	—	1
Lisieux Hall Institution, Chorley	...	...	...	1	—
Mount Tabor Institution, Basingstoke	—	1

Guardianship.

Hengoed, Glamorgan	1	—
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Licence.

Redmarley, Agricultural Hostel	2	—
					43	41

During the year, 2 males and 4 females have been certified and removed to institutions.

WELFARE OF THE BLIND.

	1945	1944	1943	1942
Cases certified during the year	26	25	28	28
Transferred from other Counties	2	8	2	2
Transferred to other Counties	9	5	5	3
Cases de-certified	1	2	3	—
Deaths of Blind Persons	27	31	31	27
No. of Blind Persons on Register	268	277	282	291

DIAGNOSIS OF CAUSE OF BLINDNESS (NEW CASES)

AGE GROUP	Access to Reg.		Cataract	Myopic error	Congenital	Arterio Sclerosis	Ulceration	Diabetes	Old Age	Retinitis	Atrophy	Glaucoma	Syphilis	Albinism	War Injuries	Optic Neuritis	Detachment of Retina	Irido cyclitis
	Specialist	Gen. Pract.																
5 ...	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
40...	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1
50...	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
65...	4	—	1	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
70...	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
over	17	—	10	1	—	—	—	—	1	1	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	1
all ...	26	—	12	2	1	—	—	—	1	1	2	2	—	1	1	1	—	2
144																		
5 ...	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
16...	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
40...	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
50...	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
65...	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
70...	4	—	1	—	1	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
over	16	—	15	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
all ...	25	—	16	—	4	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	—

TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT.

Total Employed	...	...	...	...	...	...	31
Home Workers (included above)	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Undergoing Industrial Training	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Trained but Unemployed	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Unemployable (includes children of school and pre-school age)	230

CHILDREN OF SCHOOL AGE.

In Schools for the Blind	4
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UNDER SCHOOL AGE.

Maintained at Home	4
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OCCUPATION OF EMPLOYED BLIND PERSONS.

Basket Workers	7
Carpenters and Woodworkers	1
Clerks and Typists	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Shop-keepers	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Firewood Workers	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Mat-makers	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Poultry-keepers	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Netting-makers	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Gardeners	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	...	...	9
Factory Workers	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Telephone Operator	...	...	...	...	...	...	1

UNEMPLOYABLE BLIND PERSONS IN HOME FOR BLIND AND INSTITUTIONS.

Homes for the Blind	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Public Assistance Institution	...	...	...	...	...	...	35
Mental Hospitals	...	...	...	...	...	...	17

There are seven St. Dunstan's men in the County. They are under constant supervision by the St. Dunstan authorities. The cases are included in the above tables,